

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A container with adjustable volume, comprising:

a base container with a floor panel and a roof panel,

a box-shaped expansion element that can be extended from the base container, and which includes a floor panel, ~~a roof panel, an open side that is open to the base container,~~ a front panel, ~~that is opposite the open side,~~ and two side panels in permanently fixed positions relative to each other, an open side opposite the front panel, and a roof panel, and

a device with which the box-shaped expansion element can be lowered such that, during expansion, the floor panel remains horizontal and such that, once the expansion element has been extended, the floor panel of the expansion element and the base container are at the same height, and with which the expansion element can be raised such that, once the expansion element has been lowered, it can be reinserted into the base container,

wherein the roof panel of the box-shaped expansion element is designed such that it can be folded along a horizontal axis on an upper edge of the front panel of the expansion element.

2. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the box-shaped expansion element is one of precisely two box-shaped expansion elements that can be extended in opposite directions out of the base container, and

wherein the dimensions of the expansion elements are selected such that one expansion element can be inserted into the other expansion element.

3. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the roof panel is attached by sealing elements to form a seal against adjacent surface elements of the container.

4. (Original) The container according to claim 1, and further comprising supplementary surface elements with which gaps between the side panels and the roof panel of the box-shaped expansion element, formed when the roof panel is folded up, can be closed off so that an inside space that is completely closed off from the outside is formed.

5. (Original) The container according to claim 4, wherein the supplementary surface elements are arranged such that they can be folded along an upper edge of at least one of the side panels.

6. (Original) The container according to claim 5, wherein friction seals are provided as sealing elements between the supplementary surface elements and the roof panel or the front panel.

7. (Original) The container according to claim 4, wherein the supplementary surface elements are arranged rigidly on the roof panel.

8. (Original) The container according to claim 7, wherein brush seals or friction seals are provided as sealing elements between the supplementary surface elements and the side panels.

9. (Original) The container according to claim 7, wherein permanently attached seals made of a flexible material are used as sealing elements between the supplementary surface element and the side panels.

10. (Original) The container according to claim 9, wherein at least one the permanently attached seals is stretched tightly when the roof panel is folded up and forms a fold when the roof panel is folded down or is a sealing cushion.

11. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein friction seals are provided as sealing elements between the roof panel and the base container.

12. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein permanently attached seals made of a flexible material are provided as sealing elements between the roof panel and the front panel.

13. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 4, wherein each of the supplementary surface elements ~~are single shell or dual shell~~

elements is respectively disposed on one side of or on opposite sides of at least one of the side panels.

14. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 5, wherein each of the supplementary surface elements ~~are single-shell or dual-shell~~ elements is respectively disposed on one side of or on opposite sides of said at least one of the side panels.

15. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 6, wherein each of the supplementary surface elements ~~are single-shell or dual-shell~~ elements is respectively disposed on one side of or on opposite sides of said at least one of the side panels.

16. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 7, wherein each of the supplementary surface elements ~~are single-shell or dual-shell~~ elements is respectively disposed on one side of or on opposite sides of at least one of the side panels.

17. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 8, wherein each of the supplementary surface elements ~~are single-shell or dual-shell~~ elements is respectively disposed on one side of or on opposite sides of at least one of the side panels.

18. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 9, wherein ~~each of~~ the supplementary surface elements ~~are single shell or dual shell~~ elements is respectively disposed on one side of or on opposite sides of at least one of the side panels.

19. (Currently amended) The container according to claim 10, wherein ~~each of~~ the supplementary surface elements ~~are single shell or dual shell~~ elements is respectively disposed on one side of or on opposite sides of at least one of the side panels.

20. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein the container is used as a workroom.

21. (Currently amended) A process of enlarging main working and traffic areas of a container with adjustable volume comprising:

~~including~~ providing a base container with a floor panel and a roof panel,

providing a box-shaped expansion element that can be extended from the base container~~[[,]]~~ and which includes a floor panel, ~~a roof panel, an open side that is open to the base container,~~ a front panel, ~~that is opposite the open side,~~ and two side panels, all in permanently fixed positions relative to each other, as well as an open side opposite the front panel, and a roof panel, and

providing a device with which the box-shaped expansion element can be lowered such that~~[[,]]~~ the floor panel remains horizontal once the expansion

element has been extended, with the floor panel ~~panels~~ of the expansion element and the base container ~~are~~ at the same height, and ~~with which~~

folding the roof panel of the box-shaped expansion element along a horizontal axis on an upper edge of the front panel of the expansion element ~~can~~
~~be raised such that, once the expansion element has been lowered, it~~ so that the
expansion element can be reinserted into the base container, ~~comprising: folding~~
~~the roof panel of the box-shaped expansion element along a horizontal axis on an~~
~~upper edge of the front panel of the expansion element~~ container.